

billion problem with a \$150 billion expenditure; only in a Republican America.

FATHER'S DAY

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, we have all heard the story about the visiting room in prisons that are packed on Mother's Day but empty on Father's Day.

This simple story illustrates the oftentimes unrecognized power of fatherhood as a force for the good in the lives of our children. In fact, almost three-fourths of means-tested welfare aid goes to children in homes without fathers. Children without fathers are more likely to become involved in crimes, fail in school, abuse drugs, and end up on welfare as adults.

Children raised in household structures without fathers are subject to significantly increased risks of harm. Social science overwhelmingly demonstrates that children do far better when they are raised by two married parents in a stable family relationship.

So this weekend we honor our Nation's fathers, and we should do so with the understanding of the enormous, yet sometimes silent and almost unrecognized impact that our fathers make on society at large.

As a society, we should recognize that we undervalue fathers at our peril. We should honor our fathers. I know I honor mine. Thank you, dad.

CONGRESS OWES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BETTER

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, later today the House will vote to solve a \$4 billion tax problem with a \$150 billion solution. My Republican colleagues actually wonder why they lost the South Dakota and Kentucky special elections.

This legislation and the energy bills we just passed have two things in common: They are filled with tax breaks and giveaways to the biggest special interests and donors in this town. While corporate tax rates are at their lowest level in decades, and as our workers are experiencing the slowest wage growth since World War II, this bill is a special interest gift that keeps on giving.

Here are some of the handouts: \$14 billion to the energy, big oil companies; \$10 billion for a Federal buyout of tobacco; \$519 million for small aircraft companies; \$92 million for suspension of duties on ceiling fans; \$169 million for makers of Puerto Rican rum.

Mr. Speaker, think about this, \$10 billion for a tobacco buyout, and we cannot finish a highway and mass trans-

it bill that puts millions of Americans to work. Maybe what we should do is pave the roads with tobacco around here. All the while, Americans are suffering with rising health care costs and college tuition that has increased by a third. We owe the American people better than what we are going to do today.

TIME MAGAZINE'S MISTAKE

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, in a review of the book "Prelude to War," Time Magazine saw fit to detail, as the book does, the location of the secret bunker used by Vice President CHENEY in the aftermath of 9/11. Both the book's author and Time Magazine were wrong to reveal the location of this site. This is not tabloid material, a photographer catching a celebrity on vacation.

Vice President CHENEY did not go to this site to relax, he went there in case our President was attacked and killed by terrorists. He went there to be ready to take control when our Nation was under attack.

Identifying this site is unacceptable and wrong. By detailing the complex and its location, the book and the magazine have combined to compromise a part of our national security. They compromised the ability to protect the man who is first in line for the Presidency. That was wrong.

HAMILTON IMAGE SHOULD REMAIN ON \$10 BILL

(Mr. PASCRELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to affirm my support for the image of Alexander Hamilton to remain on the face of the \$10 bill. Paterson, New Jersey, a city characterized by its Great Falls, is a great city that was transformed by Hamilton to serve as one of America's first industrial centers. I have lived there all my life. I still live there.

I would like to share some of the knowledge that I have obtained about Alexander Hamilton. He arrived in America as a poor immigrant from the Caribbean island of Nevis. He attended school in New York and became involved in the American Revolution, was a great general in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth, and indeed at the battle of Yorktown, which was the turning point of the Revolutionary War. For those who read history, George Washington turned to him. He was his trusted aide.

Hamilton wrote 51 of the Federalist Papers. In 1789, Hamilton served in George Washington's administration, and was the first Secretary of the Treasury. His innovative mind afforded him the opportunity to use his new position to provide Americans with financial machinery, including banks.

Ronald Reagan, our dearly beloved former President, was correct when he called Alexander Hamilton "a man of enormous intellectual capacity and courage."

Mr. Speaker, I challenge those proponents who want to change the image on the \$10 bill not to a duel, but for a little sanity here on the floor of the House.

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ECONOMY ON THE UPSWING

(Mr. BONNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, there is a little secret that our friends on the other side of the aisle do not want the American people to know, and that is that the dark clouds that have been hanging over our country and over our economy are beginning to blow out and a blue sky is on the horizon, 1.4 million new jobs just in the last 9 months. Homeownership, the American dream that we all learned about, is at the highest level under this President in the history of our country.

There is another little secret they do not want the American people to know, and that is that millions of Americans are taking advantage of a new prescription drug provision to Medicare by calling the 1-800 Medicare hotline and learning how they can save up to 25 percent at the register in savings on their prescription drugs.

The little old secret they do not want the American people to know is that if the American people understand this, the only dark clouds will be on their vote totals on November 2.

FSC/ETI BILL

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I find some small amount of irony with my friend on the other side of the aisle talking about secrets that somehow we do not want the American people to know. The American people can judge for themselves about the extent of this economic recovery who wins and who loses; and the prescription drug benefit, the seniors of this country have seen through the sham that it is.

But for them to talk about secrets, I find particularly ironic, because Members of the minority party have to come to the floor today in the 1-minutes to talk about the important FSC bill, because that is a secret; and we are voting on it in a few minutes. There is not a printed copy that is available. Only the lobbyists are aware. There will not be adequate time for debate, a meaningful debate, in 30 minutes. They will not allow amendments. They will not even allow the bipartisan alternative to be voted on on the floor.

I find a great deal of irony about their concern for secrecy. I think they